

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 17, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1-6 are rejected. Claims 1-6 are amended. Claims 7-16 are new. No new matter has been added. All of the claims are supported by the specification.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 are objected to. Applicants submit that amended claims 1, 2, and 5 obviate the objections. Reconsideration and withdrawal are accordingly requested.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 1.112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended claims 1-6, and submit that the amendments obviate the indefiniteness rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal are accordingly requested.


In view of the above, Applicants also respectfully request that claims 1-16 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together

with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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